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FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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SUBJECT: PRIMIN ECEVIT'S VISITS TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES
AND FRG

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR INFORMED DCM THIS MORNING THAT FOUR NORDIC AMBASSADORS STATIONED ANKARA HAD TODAY CALLED ON PRIMIN ECEVIT TO URGE HIM TO CONFIRM HIS VISIT AND TO SUGGEST SOME SLIGHT CHANGES IN TIMING AND ITINERARY. AS RESULT OF CONVERSATION, DANISH AMBASSADOR SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT WOULD BE VISITING ALL FOUR NORDIC COUNTRIES FROM SEPTEMBER 18-30.

2. WEST GERMAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOLD US HIS AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED IN SEPTEMBER 5 BY ACTING FONMIN ISIK, WHO WAS
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CONCERNED THAT GERMANY MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS INVITATION FOR ECEVIT TO VISIT IN OCTOBER (DEFINITE DATE NOT YET AGREED UPON).

RESPONSE GIVEN ISIK WAS STRONG REASSURANCE OF BONN'S
INTEREST IN VISIT.

3. COMMENT: VISITS TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND FRG
WILL BE ECEVIT'S FIRST FOREIGN TRAVEL SINCE FORMING GOVERN-
MENT SEVEN MONTHS AGO. HIS DECISION TO VISIT THESE
COUNTRIES WAS MADE BEFORE CYPRUS CRISIS AROSE, AND HE
GAVE THEM FIRST PREFERENCE IN BELIEF HE WOULD BE ACCORDED
VERY WARM WELCOME BECAUSE OF HIS IDENTIFICATION IN WESTERN
EUROPEAN PRESS AS A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT. IN VIEW OF GOT'S
CONCERN WITH WORLD IMAGE ON CYPRUS ISSUE, TRIPS COULD
PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR POSSIBLY PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE BETWEEN
ECEVIT AND WESTERN EUROPEAN CRITICS OF TURKISH ACTIONS.
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